v. And be it further enacted. That the committee appointed by this act for the county aforesaid, shall have power to send for persons and papers, in order to enable them to make a thorough examination and settlement with the officers aforesaid; and every person thus notified, failing to attend, either personally or with such documents and papers as may be in their possession, at the time and place designated by said committee, shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof, in the name of the chairman of the Court, for the use of the county: Provided nevertheless, That no person shall be subject to the fine aforesaid who shall appear at the first Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held thereafter, and render, on oath, a satisfactory excuse for so failing, to be judged of by the said tourt: and provided further, that no suit shall be instituted for the recovery of the penalty aforesaid, until one term of said Court shall have intervened.

VI. And be it farther enacted, That every person appointed by the authority of this act a member of the Committee of Finance aforesaid, shall, previous to his entering on the duties of his appointment, take the following eath: 1, A. B. do solemly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will faithfully discharge the duties imposed on me by law as a member of the Committee of Finance for my county, in all business that may come before me without doing injustice to the county or to individuals, to the best of my

skill and ability: so help me God."

VII. And be it further runcted, That it shall be the duty of the Committee of Finance, appointed under the nuthority of this act, to institute suits for the recovery of all monies that may be due the county in which they reside, from any of the officers aforesaid, whose claims they may examine as aforesaid; which said suits shall be brought in the name of the chairman of

the Court, and prosecuted at the expense of the county.

VIII. And be it further enacted, That it shall hereafter be the duty of the several clerks, sheriffs, county trustee, and all other officers and commissioners who may have claims or demands on the county aforesaid, to deliver the same to the said Committee of Finance, for their examination and inspection, whose duty it shall be to make out two fair and correct statements of each settlement by them made in virtue of their appointment, one of which, after being submitted to and passed upon by the Court, shall be filed by the clerk of the County Court, and the other to be kept by the committee for their own use.

1X And be it further enacted, That no claim against the county aforesaid, shall be allowed unless it be according to the provisions, and under the directions of this act; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstand-

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X. And be it further enacted, That the Committee of Finance for Gates county, appointed under the provisions of this act, shall be authorised and required to extend their examination and inspection of all the documents and papers embraced by the provisions of this act, as far back as the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by this act.

## CHAPTER LXXX

An act to provide for the payment of Jurous of the county of Nash.
Whereas in the construction of an act of the General Assembly of the